This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (previously presented)   A method for use with a unitary device,

5   the method comprising:

with a unitary device comprising therein logic, a user interface, a scanning mechanism, a communication interface, and a removable data storage mechanism, wherein said logic is operatively coupled to said user interface to receive an inputted recipient electronic mail address, to said scanning mechanism to receive at least

10   scanned object data obtained by optically scanning an object, to said communication interface to send an electronic mail message that includes at least a portion of said scanned object data to a remote device associated with said recipient electronic mail address, and to said removable data storage mechanism to access therethrough a removable data storage media when present:

15   receiving a removable data storage media in said removable data storage mechanism;

selectively operatively coupling said removable data storage media to said logic ; and

storing at least an archival copy of at least said electronic mail message

20   data sent via the communication interface on said removable data storage media.

2.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said removable data storage media is a writable optical disc .

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3. (original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data.

5 4. (original) The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.

10 5. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said second resolution version .

6. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4, 15 wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said first resolution version .

7. (original) The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

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8. (cancelled)

9.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein storing an archival copy of said at least the electronic mail message data sent via the communication interface on said removable data storage media further includes:

5   storing at least two of said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data .

10.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said electronic mail message data further includes at least one type of data

10   selected from a group of types of data comprising timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

11.   (previously presented)   A unitary device comprising:

a data storage mechanism configurable to access a removable data storage media,

an optical scanning mechanism configurable to optically scan at least one object and produce corresponding scanned object data,

a communication interface configurable to operatively connect to at least one other device over at least one network,

a user interface configurable to receive user inputs, and

logic operatively coupled to said data storage mechanism, said optical scanning mechanism, said communication interface, and said user interface, wherein said logic is configured to combine recipient electronic mail address data received through said user interface with at least a portion of said scanned object data to form electronic mail message data that is then output by said communication interface, and wherein said logic is further configured to selectively archive at least a portion of said electronic mail message data by providing said portion of said electronic mail message to said data storage mechanism for storage on said removable data storage device.

12.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 11, wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data.

13.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 12, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.

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14.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said second resolution version within said electronic mail message data that is output by said communication interface.

5   15.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said first resolution version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

10   16.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 12, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

15   17.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 16, wherein said logic is configured to include said second version within said electronic mail message data that is output by said communication interface.

18.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 20   16, wherein said logic is configured to include said first version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

19.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 11, wherein said electronic mail message data further includes at least one type of data selected from a group of types of data comprising timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

20.   (previously presented)   The unitary device as recited in Claim 11, further comprising:

a printer mechanism operatively coupled to said logic , and wherein said logic is further configured to cause said printing mechanism to print out at least a portion of said electronic mail message data.

21.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

causing said logic to verify that access permission exists prior to storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media based on inputted data received via said user interface.